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TOPIC Military Information from the Kindel Troop Training Grounds and Eisenach 25X1

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REMARKS

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1. On 24 February, truck [ ] occupied by about 15 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and carried light equipment, submachine guns and light machine guns left the Kindel troop training grounds toward Kreuzberg. At 3:30 p.m. on 25 February, about 20 VPs were trained by two Soviet officers at the Kindel troop training grounds northwest of Highway No 84. They practiced aiming with two guns at four dug-in ground targets. The VPs wore brown uniforms with black collar patch and black cap ribbons. On 27 February, about 46 VPs received driver training on 6 sidecar motorcycles and 8 cross country trucks by 2 Soviet officers and 8 Soviet soldiers. Twelve new low buildings were noticed south of Highway 84.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. [ ] in February 1953 advance details had arrived at the Kindel troop training grounds. It was rumored that the training grounds would be reoccupied in late March or early April. Highway No 84 was to be reconditioned.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
3. In February, the Eisenach komendatura was located in the court building and numbered about 15 to 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Half-track vehicle [ ] was seen in Eisenach going toward Gotha or the Kindel troop training grounds.<sup>2</sup> 25X1
1. [ ] Comment. Contrary to the Ohrdruf and Lossa troop training grounds, the Kindel troop training grounds was still unoccupied in January and February 1953. [ ] individual firing of three guns which apparently were 122-mm field howitzers of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. [ ] This is the first report to mention VP in Kindel. 25X1
2. [ ] Comment. The court building is on Julius v. Eichel Platz south of Goethe Strasse. 25X1

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